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In Memory of

W. J. Barefoot

by his son

Billy Barefoot
(see Billy p99)

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Foreword

"Lives of great men all remind us,
We ean make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

—Longfellow—

We, the Class of 1951, have left a maze of footprints behind us. Some of them have gone astray and finally have been lost in darkness, but the majority of us have followed the well-beaten path trod by those who have gone before us. Many have faltered, only to be righted again by the kind and helping hands of our instruetors and friends. Despite all our eomplaining during the long hard trek, eaeh of us feels that he has gained from these trials and will earry these experienees and memories all through life.

The staff of the 1951 Tatler have attempted to eapture the last few miles of footprints. We have set down, step by step, a permanent reeord of our aetivities during our last year at Benson High Sehool. We sineerely hope that this annual will bring mueh to those who read it now and to those who will sean its pages in the future—and perhaps remember!

Editor.

Myra Lee Benson
Editor

Dennis Woodall
Business Manager

Dedication

The Senior Class wishes to express its appreciation and honor to the Merchants of the Town of Benson for your wonderful cooperation in meeting the various causes to which you have given money and donated gifts for activities sponsored by Benson High School.

To show you honor for your helping the school meet some of its needs, the Senior Class hereby dedicates to you—*Merchants of Benson*—the 1951 volume of THE TATLER.

BENSON HIGH SCHOOL

The Principal's Message

WILLIAM J. BAREFOOT
Principal

"FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

The Senior Class of 1951 will perhaps face problems relative to the preservation of our freedom and liberties, it will be necessary for all citizens to assume and carry out many unusual responsibilities. These duties and responsibilities will entail many hardships and sacrifices. Some of your number will, no doubt, serve in the armed services of our country. Many others will be called upon to perform other arduous and difficult tasks. Regardless of the duty or task, the preservation of our precious rights is at stake.

Unfortunately, many of our citizens take for granted our cherished rights and liberties. The feeling exists that they can be maintained by a routine salute to the flag of our country or the singing of The Star Spangled Banner. This idea is far from the truth and without any foundation. Real red-blooded Americans will be needed to preserve our precious heritage. Certainly this is no time to rest on our past victories. There can be no security without effort and accomplishment. Individual initiative, devotion to a great cause and sacrifice for the common good will be needed in the strenuous days ahead. Attempting to get something for nothing has never been the true American Way of life. Neither is it the true American Way of life today to attempt to preserve and maintain something of value, without effort and sacrifice. The Spirit of '76 is needed again today.

I trust that your years here in our school have given you some small conception of the true American Way of life, and that you will prize this way of life so much, your devotion to its preservation will be complete and permanent. Certainly you have an opportunity and a challenge to preserve for future Americans and for all who seek freedom everywhere, our precious heritage.

"To Your Tents, O Israel!"

WM. J. BAREFOOT,
Principal.

High School Faculty

Left to right: Miss Carol Wortman, *Freshman Girls Sponsor, Home Economics;* Mrs. Ruth Massey, *8th Grade;* Bernard S. Godwin, *Sophomore Sponsor, Science;* Mrs. W. F. Smith, *Senior Sponsor, English, History;* Miss Dorothy Hastey, *8th Grade.*

Left to right: Mitchell Nance, *Freshman Boys Sponsor, Coach, Commercial, Social Studies;* Mrs. Kate Wiggins, *8th Grade;* Miss Leslie Robertson, *Junior Sponsor, Commercial;* Miss Leah Phelps, *Junior Sponsor, English, French;* Miss Naomi Smith, *Piano and Voice.*

Left to right: Mrs. Johnnie Howell, *Freshman Class Sponsor, English, Social Studies;* Mrs. Warren Mitchell, *Public School Music;* D. D. Robinson, *Agriculture;* Miss Mary Britton, *Senior Sponsor, Librarian. Not pictured:* Miss Mattie Gainey, *Sophomore Sponsor, Mathematics.*

The Class of 1951

COLORS
Blue and White

FLOWER
Red Rose

MOTTO
"Our ship is anchored in God, we cannot fail."

CLASS OFFICERS

RANDAL ROSEMOND WOODALL
President

BILLY BAREFOOT
Vice-President

GENEVIEVE THORNTON
Secretary

CLYDE PROCTOR, JR.
Treasurer

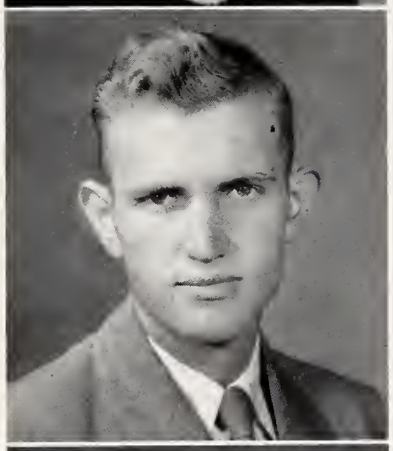
Seniors

Top to Bottom:

EDNA MAE ADAMS

"Topsy"

4-H Club 1; Dramatics Club 3, 4 (President); Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4 (Vice-President); Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Superlative 4; Last Will 4.



JAMES PRESTON ALLEN

"Presto"

Bus Driver's Club 3, 4; F.F.A. 3, 4 (President); Class Play 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4.

JOYCE ANN BAILEY

"Juicy"

Piano 1, 2, 3, 4; Voice 1; Beta Club 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Marshal 3; *Student* Staff 3; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2; Waitress Jr. and Sr. Banquet 2; TATLER Staff 4 (Assistant Editor); Superlative 4; Class Song 4.

Left to right, bottom:

MAX HOLLIDAY BARBER

"Dick"

Bus Driver's Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; F.F.A. 3, 4.

LOUISE BARBOUR

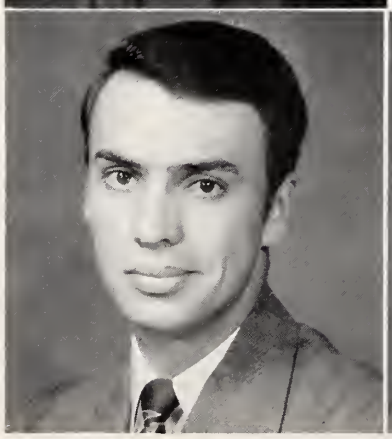
"Louize"

Four Oaks High 1; Class Play 1, 4; 4-H Club 1; Glee Club 1; Dramatics 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

MILDRED BARBOUR

"Shorty"

4-H Club 1; Dramatics Club 3, 4.



Seniors

Top to bottom:

RACHEL LEA BARBOUR

"Ray"

Piano 1, 2, 3, 4; Voice 4; Glee Club 2, 4; Dramatics Club (President) 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4.

LOIS BAREFOOT

"Rob"

Class Play 3; Monogram Club 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Waitress Jr. and Sr. Banquet; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Basketball All County 1, 2.

BILLY BAREFOOT

"The Hook"

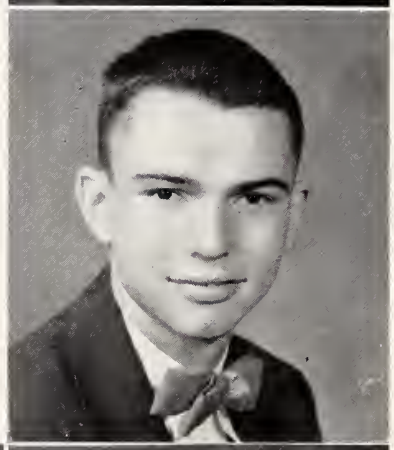
Class Officer 1, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Marshal 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Citizenship Council (President) 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Student Staff 3; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Football 4; Superlative 4; All County 4.

Left to right, bottom:

MYRA LEE BENSON

"Pig"

Piano 1; Voice 1; Class Play 3, 4; Football Home-coming Queen 4; *Student* Staff 3 (Editor); Marshal 3; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4 (Vice-President); Glee Club 2, 3, 4 (Vice-President); Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4 (Secretary); TATLER Staff (Editor-in-Chief); Class Officer 1, 2 (President); Waitress Jr. and Sr. 2; School Reporter 4; Superlative 4.



RICHARD BONNER

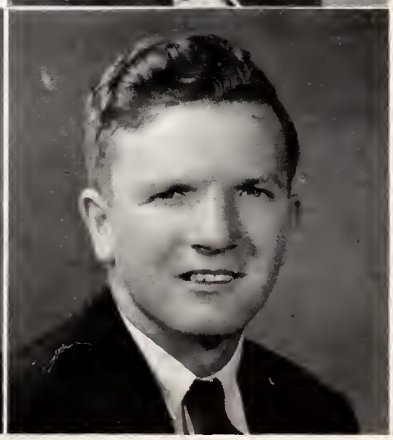
"Dick"

Edwards Military Institute Cadet Corps 2; Privates Club 2; N. C. O. Club 2; Good Conduct Medal 2; *Student* Staff 3; TATLER Staff 4.

LACY BYRD

"Lazy"

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 3, 4; Superlative 4.



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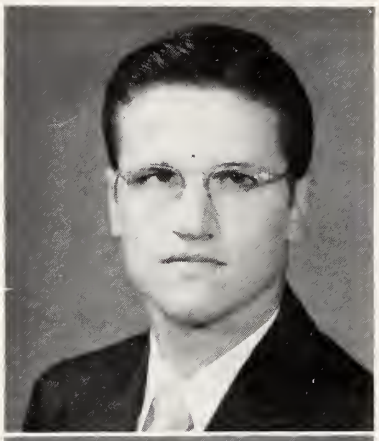
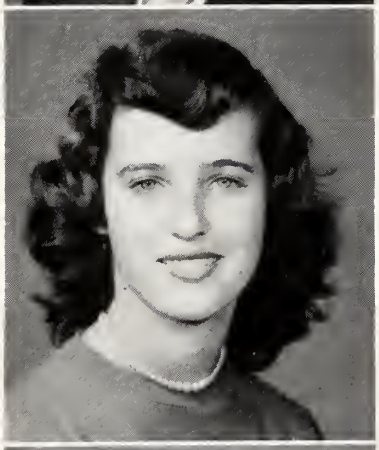


Top to bottom:

ARNOLD CAPPS

"Arno"

Glee Club 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4 (Treasurer); Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football 4; Superlative 4.



MARJORIE LOU DENNING

"Marge"

4-H Club 1; Dramatics Club 3; Glee Club 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Class Play 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 4; Basketball 4.

MARJORIE DORMAN

"Marge"

Dramatics Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Waitress Jr. and Sr. Banquet 2; Class Historian 4; Superlative 4.

Left to right, bottom:

RAYVON ENNIS

"Tom"

Baseball 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Monogram Club 3, 4; Superlative 4; Football 4.

THURMA RAYE EVANS

"Snooks"

Glee Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

CHARLES FRANKLIN GILBERT

"Ferguson"

Basketball 1; Intramural Basketball 2; Baseball 1, 2; Class Officer 3 (President); TATLER Staff 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Class Play 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Superlative 4.

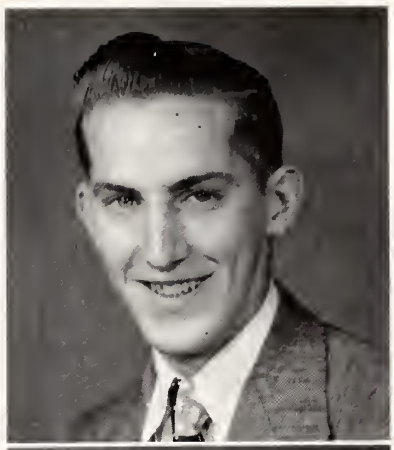
Seniors

Top to bottom:

ROY GILBERT

"Juke"

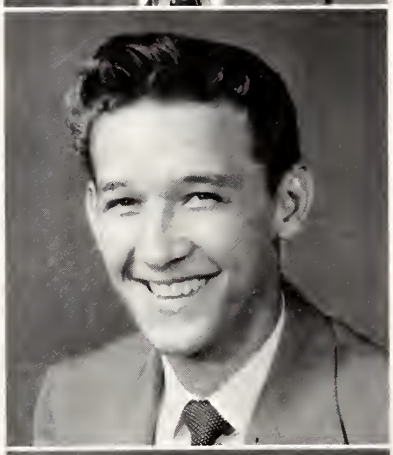
Bus Driver's Club 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; F.F.A. 3, 4 (Treasurer).



WATLER GODWIN

"Chevrolet"

Bus Driver's Club 3, 4 (Vice-President); 4-H Club 2; F.F.A. 3, 4 (Secretary); Superlative 4.



KATIE HOLLAND

"Kay"

Tri-Hi-Y 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4; 4-H Club 1.

Left to right, bottom:

DOANE JOHNSON

"Do"

Glee Club 3, 4; TATLER Staff 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; *Student* Staff 3; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 4; 4-H Club 1; Superlative 4.

JOHN DAILY KERNODLE

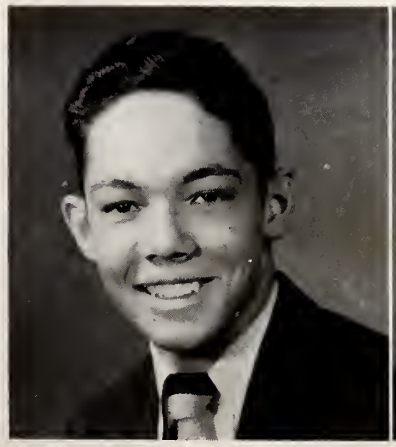
"Johnny"

Glee Club 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4 (President); *Student* Staff 3; Class Play 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 4; 4-H Club 1.

JOYCE LANGDON

"Joy"

4-H Club 1; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Class Play 4; Citizenship Council 4; Superlative 4.



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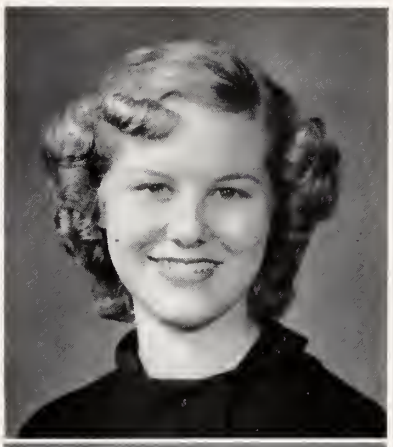


Top to bottom:

MOLLY REMONIA LIDE

"Mona"

Beta Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Class Play 4, Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1; Cheerleader 3, 4; Monogram Club 4; Basketball 1; Student Staff 3; Waitress Jr. and Sr. Banquet 2; Superlative 4.

RUTH MAE LOWERY

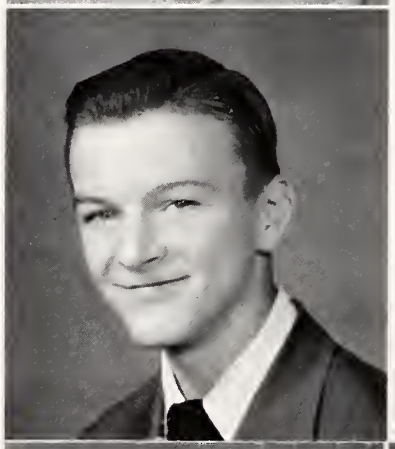
"Tootsie"

Four Oaks High School 1, 2, 3; Tri-Hi-Y 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2; F.H.A. 3; Intramural Basketball 1, 2; Softball 1, 2, 3; *Oak Leaf* Staff 3.

JUNIOR MATTHEWS

"Jr."

Dramatics Club 3; Baseball 2.



Left to right, bottom:

EMIL GEORGE MASSAD

"Blackie"

4-H Club 1; Intramural Basketball 4; Literary Club 3; Science Club 3; Basketball 1; Football 4; Superlative 4.

EDNA EARLE MOBLEY

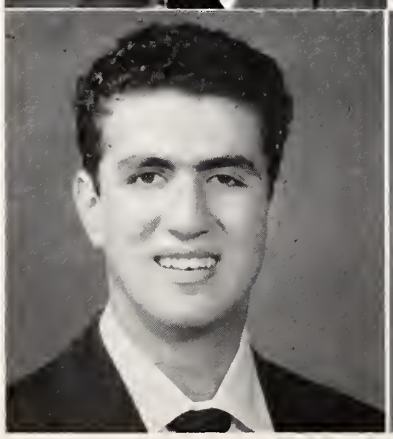
"Snook"

Dramatics Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Piano 3; Intramural Basketball 2.

BETTY JEAN MOORE

"Slick"

Glee Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Superlative 4.



Seniors

Top to bottom:

ELLEN JOYCE NEIGHBOURS

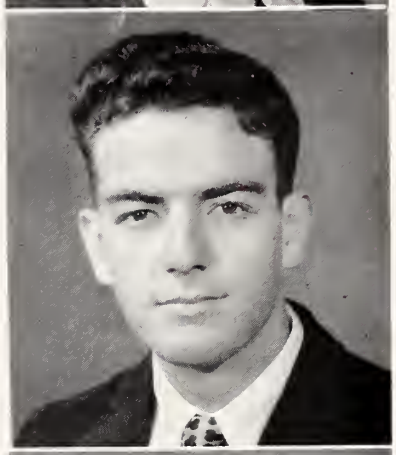
"Legs"

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3 (Vice-President); Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4 (Treasurer); Glee Club 4; Class Officer 2; Class Play 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Waitress Jr. and Sr. Banquet 2; Superlative 4; Class Historian 4.

OTHA EDWARD PARKER

"Curly"

Bus Driver's Club 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 3; Science Club 3.



BOBBIE CAROLYN PORTER

"Bob"

Needle Point Club 3; F.H.A. 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3.

Left to right, bottom:

CLYDE PROCTOR, JR.

"Jay-Bird"

Class Officer 3, 4; Marshal 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4 (Treasurer, Secretary); Glee Club 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Superlative 4.

DAVID SHELTON RAYNOR

"Pud"

Literary Club 3; 4-H Club 1, 2.

KAY FRANCES RYALS

"K"

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4 (Chief); *Student* Staff 3 (Assistant Editor); Class Play 3; Monogram Club 3, 4; Class Officer 2; Intramural Basketball 2, 3; Waitress Jr. and Sr. Banquet 2; School Reporter 3.

Top to bottom:

BETTY JEAN SMITH

"Yams"

4-H Club 1, 2; Glee Club 3; F.H.A. 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3; Tatler Staff 4.

LOUISE STEVENS

"Runt"

Class Officer 1; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Marshal 3; Waitress Jr. and Sr. Banquet 2; Bus Driver's Club 4 (Secretary); TATLER Staff 4; Class Prophet 4; Superlative 4.

LYNDWOOD STEVENS

"Rabbit"

Bus Driver's Club 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3.

Left to right, bottom:

ANNIE LEE STEWART

"Koot"

Dramatics Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4.

ROBERT STEWART

"Bill"

Dramatics Club 3; Football 4.

EDWARD SURLES

"Ed"

F.F.A. 3, 4; Bus Driver's Club 3, 4.

Seniors

Top to bottom:

AGNES SUTTON

"Whitie"

Glee Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Waitress Jr. and Sr. Banquet 2; Intramural Basketball 4; Class Prophet 4.

ROY TART

"Slim"

Baseball 3, 4; F.F.A. 3, 4; TATLER Staff 4; Superlative 4.

GENEVIEVE THORNTON

"Good"

Piano 1, 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; (President) Waitress Jr. and Sr. Banquet 2; Class Officer 1, 3, 4 (Secretary); Class Prophet 4; Superlative 4.

Left to right, bottom:

ELSIE WHEELER

"Blossom"

Intramural Basketball 2, 3; Dramatics Club 3, 4 (Treasurer); Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Superlative 4.

SARAH ELIZABETH WHITTINGTON

"Potato"

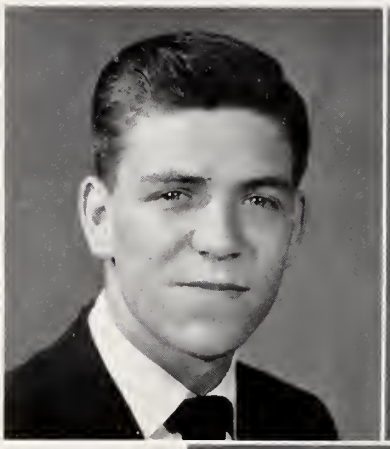
4-H Club 1, 2; Needle Point Club 3; F.H.A. 4 (President); Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

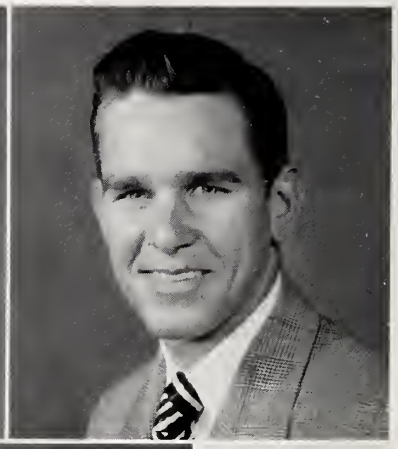
SHIRLEY MAE WHITTINGTON

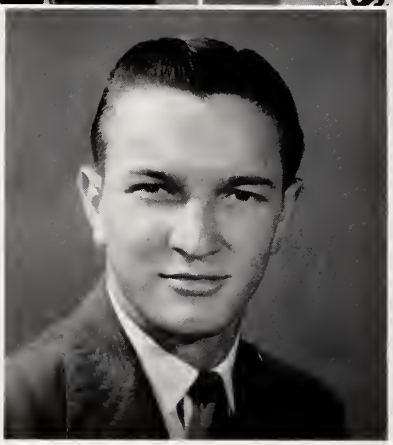
"Lucy"

4-H Club 1; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Last Will 4; Superlative 4.

Seniors







PERCY WILKINS, JR.
"Perky"

Class Officer 1, 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; (Treasurer); Beta Club 2, 3, 4; *Student* Staff 3; Marshal 3; Class Play 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Banquet Waiter 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 4; Cheerleader 2; School Patrol 1.

DENNIS WOODALL
"Dink"

4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Bus Driver's Club 3, 4 (President); F.F.A. 3, 4; (Treasurer), TATLER Staff 4; Superlative 4.

RANDAL R. WOODALL
"Randy"

Class Officer 3, 4 (President); Beta Club 2, 3, 4 (President); Class Play 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Chief Marshal 3; Veteran; Monogram Club 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Superlative 4.

Class Poem

First there's our teacher, Mrs. Smith.
Who is always our best pal as anyone can see.
Myra and Rosemond the brains,
Ellen and Clyde the wit.
Edward with his curly hair always making a hit.
And Louise Stevens with her dreaming eyes,
We think she sees school buses in the skies.
Next is Lois, our athletic heroine,
Who throws the hardest basketball we've ever seen.
When we talk of sports everyone knows that Doane, Emil, Percy, Arnold and John are our football heroes.
Richard and Joyce have the artistic touch
About their drawing we could say much.
And Billy is always ready for a bow on the basketball court,
Which Kay, our cheerleader is willing to support.
Shirley, Marjorie, Betty, Edna and Joyce are our girls with beautiful hair.
Elsie is our one and only twin,
Raven-haired Katie is our class friend.
Genevieve has a sparkling smile,
We think Ipana toothpaste should borrow her a while.
Marjorie Dorman and Annie Lee are sweet girls who always do their duty.
Rachel is round and fat, but still quite a cutie.
Louise Barbour is the hazel eyed girl,
We can count on in a jam.
Shelton, Rayvon, Lynwood, Dennis, Max, and Roy are the cute guys who are as scarce as country ham.
Haven't you heard Walter and Preston can sing,
We'd put them up anytime against Bing.
In the 4-H Club, all the honors Lacy takes.
Betty Smith and Agnes are as sweet as the icing on mama's cakes.
Edna Mobley is our blonde,
Bobbie is our class baby.
Junior and Roy Tart are cute boys too.
'Bout that we don't mean maybe.
As a future debater we could only see
None other than Edward Parker.
Robert and Charles are big hunters.
Want a pal? Call Ruthie gal.
Mildred and Thurma are grand we know,
They are home bound.
Last but not least, is the author, little Mona
Who hates to put her name in this.
These are the Seniors up to date.
We leave them now in the hands of Fate.

REMONIA LIDE
Class Poet.

Gradeparents

First row, left to right: Mrs. L. W. Bailey, Mrs. W. M. Benson, Mrs. C. N. Proctor.
Second row: Mrs. James Thornton, Mr. James Thornton.

Mascots

SANDRA BYRD

CHARLES JOHNSON

Class History

It was in September of the year nineteen hundred and forty-eight that 49 freshmen entered Benson High School. As we trod these halls of learning, we felt of great importance because it was our first change in nine years of school. Such a complete change baffled us about when and where to go. We discovered the enormous volume of work to be done. Along with such intricate subjects as algebra, Latin and French.

Behold fate took a hand. Our freshman class had dwindled to 47 Sophomores. That year we finished our second year of algebra. Whether we successfully mastered that subject or not I refuse to say. The social event of that year was a weiner roast at Williams' Lake.

We entered as Juniors 55 strong. Taking leading parts in all school activities such as basketball, baseball and participating especially in the various clubs of the school. Cooperation played a big part in our Junior year. Fondly shall we always cherish the memories of our Junior and Senior banquet held in honor of the Seniors at the Johnston County Country Club. Earl Williams furnished the music for the dance that was held afterwards. Our Junior play "Girl Shy" was one of the highlights of the year. Stunt night sponsored by the Juniors and Seniors was a tremendous success. We also published the school paper, "The Student."

Not at the top but still climbing, we could hardly wait to become dignified Seniors, when we departed, each to his own home to enjoy a three month's vacation.

The first thrill of our Senior year was the receiving of our class rings. The production of the Senior play "Not in a Thousand Years" was enjoyed immensely by the cast and all of those who attended. In reviewing outstanding accomplishments of our high school days and especially our Senior year we claim many happy, worthwhile experiences.

After graduation when each of us goes into the complex civilization of ours there is one thing of which we can be very certain. The world in which we shall live in the years to come will be quite different from the one we know now, and have known in the past.

Ellen Neighbours,
Historian.

Class Prophecy

At our last Senior part in May of 1951, we decided to have a reunion in 1961 at the Home-coming Dance. We thought it would be fun to see what had happened to us Seniors during that period of ten years.

As we entered we saw Mr. Barefoot who remembered our names then and now. You know it is remarkable how he keeps all our names on the tip of his tongue. We understand now why he has been selected superintendent of Johnston County schools.

As we first walked in we ran into Edna Mae, Joyce, Marjorie Dorman, Katie, Shirley and Mildred. We soon found that they had accomplished right much in the last 10 years. Since Mr. Barefoot is now Superintendent of all Johnston County Schools, Edna Mae is still his private secretary and is checking the absentees of all these schools at the regular time (fifth period.) Joyce, the girl we inherited from Angier has decided that Benson isn't for her so she married Jr. Williford just to live in Angier. Marjorie, our best all around girl and I might add the quietest, has now turned out to be the first woman President. Now I said she was the quietest, but I don't see how she could have gotten that position without a big mouth. Katie, the quietest girl from Pea Ridge has now taken Mozelle Phillips' place on the Hillbilly Hit Parade over WMPM each Saturday afternoon. Shirley is still the cutest girl this side of heaven. But of course she couldn't marry and leave Angier and her many boy friends. Did you hear about the time she had four dates in one night? She always gets out of those jams though. Shirley is one girl you can depend on to pull through. She still would like to have James though. Finally we got to Mildred, who is now manager of the Roses' Dime Store. She gained this position while waiting for Benton to return from service. They plan to be married soon and she will resign as manager in order to be with him.

The next group we saw was Edward Surles, Roy Gilbert, Preston, Walter, Max, and Dennis. Edward Surles, now a ford car dealer (sells only green fords) is living in South Carolina. The purpose of living there is to be near a good place to get married when that certain blonde *melts* Edward's heart. Roy Gilbert, the quiet boy who never talks or disturbs, is now married. Boy did he learn to talk after he was married. He married that loud-mouth girl, Katie Holland. Preston, the boy that always drove a little black Chevrolet, is now owner of the Cadillac Motor Co. in Chicago. By the way, Preston married the little blonde from Four Oaks, Faye Brown. Faye found out that Preston had been bleaching his hair and divorced him. Walter, the most handsome boy ever to graduate from Benson High School, after much confusion between M.G.M. and Paramount, finally consented to sign a contract with M.G.M. to take Clark Gables' place in the reproduction of *Gone With The Wind*. Max, is now a member of the Hell Driver's League for the World's Fair. Max has won the title of being the most daring driver on the track. Give her the gas—Max! Dennis, after staying married to that girl from Four Oaks 2 years, and the one from Meadow 3 years, he decided married life wasn't for him, so he joined the Navy just to ride the waves. Now he's rated so high that when a petty officer meets Dennis he just bows and asks for Dennis' autograph.

Passing through the crowd we saw, Remonia, Kay, Lois, Ellen, and Betty Moore. Remonia, North Carolina's biggest flirt, graduated from Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. (Shank's hometown). Mona received permission from President Truman to treat Shank's "combat fever" which he received during the *Civil War*. Kay, our 1950 Mule Queen, is now mixing milk formulas and washing diapers for her high school flame. They're located one mile out of Benson. Kay's husband has taken over his dad's mule business and rides into town on mule back every morning. The finance

company got the Buick convertible he owned in 1950. Lois who stayed in Benson waiting for P. B. to finish at Wake Forrest is still secretary at her father's saw mill. But her waiting was in vain because P. B. came home very much *hooked* with a beautiful blonde. Ellen, one of our great athletes is now coaching the State College Wolf Pack. She married the star of the team and now has a boys' team of her own with one substitute. Keep up the good work "Legs." She's still carrying the torch for a certain Senior boy. Betty Moore, the girl with all those pretty clothes, has almost hooked that man from Tarboro. Although she's not seen Mr. Nance in years, she still remember's his quiet bookkeeping class.

Can you imagine whom we saw dancing? That's right, Arnold, Johnny, Clyde, Billy and Doane. We decided to enter their past. Arnold, the nation's biggest flirt, has been married two times and just can't seem to settle down. He has even threatened killing himself if Ava Gardner doesn't consent to marry him. Johnny, after flunking out at Wake Forest twice is now bat boy for the Ceveland Indians. He is trying now to regain entrance at Wake Forest. By the way, the only reason they took him in the first place was—they refused him at State and Carolina. Clyde, who seems to be our most serious minded actor, is still a soda "jerk" (and we do mean jerk) for Mr. Gilbert. Clyde stays on his knees half his time still begging Julia Ellis to marry him. But we think he's going to pull through and marry Shirley Smith instead. Clyde said, "After all, I don't wnat Julia to marry me if she doesn't love me." Billy, after graduating from Carolina, the greatest athlete ever, is now coaching the top team of the nations—"Benson's Blue Phantoms." Give'em the work Bill! Doane, the most popular boy in our class has finally reached his greatest aim—to pitch for the New York Yankees. By the way Doane met a "million dollar baby" out there with a cadillac, but he says girls aren't for him.

As refreshments were being served by some of the parents, we bumped into Joyce Ann, Rachel, Louise, Margie, Elsie, and Thurma. While waiting in line, they began discussing their past. Joyce, our wittiest blonde, is now a recuperated patient from State Hospital in Raleigh, (namely Dix Hill). She went crazy trying to decide whether she wanted her husband from Cleveland or Dunn, and the tragic ending—*Neither!* Rachel, the girl with rhythm in her fingertips, and a song on her lips is now raising the finest black eyed peas in Pea Ridge under the supervision of her old high school love. Leland Barbour almost forgot her for another woman but Rachel threatened suicide and poor Leland had no other choice but to take her and sing, "I'll Never be Free." Louise Barbour, the girl with the fine voice, (for hog calling that is) is now living in Raleigh teaching at State College. But Louise comes back each year to be in the hog calling contest on Mule Day. She received her training at Barefoot's University, the largest teacher's college in Benson. Margie, the giggler, is now married to a certain boy. She wanted to be an actress but marriage seemed more important so she is keeping house and liking it fine. Elsie, the best sport in the forty-eight states and our shorthand genius has taken Miss Robertson's place teaching shorthand and typing. It takes two people dictating to keep Elsie busy. She used to deliver the Raleigh Times, but now she lets little Corbett, Jr., do it while she acts as editor! Thurma, our good looking girl with auburn hair, finally changed her mind and told Graham she'd be his one and only. But he was a farmer and that life wasn't for Thurma, so she joined the Wac's.

As the line was slowly moving along, we met Richard, Roy Tart, Robert, Lynwood, Edward Parker, and Shelton. Richard finished Art School in California, and is now painting sea shells at Carolina Beach. He always stood by his class with his artistic ability. Roy it seems could never get rid of Hazel Lee, so he just took her. But we feel sure Roy didn't know what he was getting into; they now have four little Hazels. We forgot to say that Roy is now driving a 1960 black ford (with a trailer to carry the girls.) Robert, next to Arnold was the most flirtatious boy that ever lived around here. He flirted one time too many though. You remember the Home-coming Football game with Boone Trail in 1950? Well, a Boone Trail girl saw that muscular, football player Bill,—well—you know the rest! Lynwood after making straight one's in shorthand, decided to teach it. He's now giving a Commercial Course at Campbell College for all those interested in the new method created by Lynwood himself. Edward, the wizard of our class, is now a scientist at Harvard University and goes by the name of Professor Galileo. He has invented a new way of learning besides asking Mrs. Smith, "Where'd you get that?" Shelton is a big guy now. He owns a big ranch in Texas with Sissy as a partner in business as well as in life. They are making plenty of money and have a nice ranch type home with three kids playing around.

As we were approaching the punch bowl, we saw Annie Lee, Edna Earl, Rosemond, Percy, and Emil. Annie Lee, whom we thought would never have spoken to a boy is now married to John Lee and they're living in Greensboro where she holds a position with the Jefferson Life Insurance Company. That doesn't sound bashful to us! Drop down to see us Annie Lee. Edna Earl, our little Blonde is now a model at Peacock's Crossroads. She comes back to Benson occasionally to flirt with her many boy friends. Her motto is, "Laugh and be Merry." Rosemond, after finishing his electrical engineering course, is now living in New York and throwing some girl a line about all his voyages in the navy. He never has a girl who falls for that though. Percy, our handsome star of the Junior and Senior play is now a "ham" actor on Broadway, He finally broke down and married Nancye, who is now modeling so Percy and she can have enough to eat. He has changed his slogan from "One can live off love" to "Just try it and see, Bud!" Emil, with his good personality has won him all the customers in Benson, since he took over his father's market. He and his wife are living in an apartment at the present in order to save money to build a home.

Standing off in a group, we talked to Lacy, Jr., and Rayvon. We didn't learn too much about their past. Lacy, our best all around boy, is now teaching in the Science department in Benson. Poor Mr. Godwin is out of a job since Lacy finished his college education with a Master's Degree in science. He married the Four Oaks girl, Rachel Allen. Jr. is now a Major in Uncle Sam's service and says that he wouldn't change that kind of life for anything. He is still a single boy with no intention to "tie himself down, yet!" He likes his career and plans to retire at the age of forty-five. Rayvon, our cutest boy is now sitting back holding Jr. on his knee and wondering how he ever got in that position. Oh! Tom's wife left him when Jr. was two years old. She said that Rayvon was so cute he sat in front of the Mirror all the time and never did anything else.

After we had been served and began finding our seats, we saw the late arrivals, Betty, Sarah, Ruth, Bobbie, Myra and Charles. Now why were Myra and Charles late? They were eager to tell us what had happened through their past ten years. Betty and Sarah have been out in Hollywood fixing all the movie star's hair. Betty finally landed Van Johnson and Sara forgot Edward and took Clark Gable. Ruth the girl who joined us from Four Oaks said she wasn't going to get married until she could find someone who could drive just as recklessly as she could. She's just found him and they both have been in the Dunn Hospital, but are doing fine now.

Bobbie, the girl whom you thought would marry Johnny, really fooled us all. Instead she married a certain man from Benson who had a green ford back in 1951. She's living on Parrish Drive with the one and only Bill. Myra, our most popular girl graduated from Meredith and just couldn't stay from Benson—especially after she and Charles, were married. Myra still says, "Yes, Charles, of course I love you!" (He's hard to convince.) Charles, our best dressed boy, has finally graduated from Chapel Hill. He's back in Benson and has taken Dr. Sanders place as dentist. Myra has to teach school to keep him in all those handsome clothes. You can tell they're happy from the look on their faces!

After the dance was well underway and everyone had been served, we looked around and who came walking in but Agnes, Louise and Genevieve. We asked about their accomplishments of the past 10 years. Agnes Sutton is now a secretary for the Edwards and Broughton Company in Raleigh. For most of her leisure hours, she writes W. J. who is still in service. Since he is now a captain in the army, she has decided to stop working and get married. With a job such as his, why should she work? Louise Stevens, who was selected the best looking girl in our class, is now married to the sergeant she met during her senior year. She is very happy and enjoys her traveling with him. She really hooked a good looking man. Genevieve the girl with the grand personality, has finally decided to settle down to quit her witty ways. Genevieve has spent her years amusing the high school. She never could decide to get married so she's going to college and is still trying to finish. Billy went to the army and found a new girl.

We then glanced around and saw that everyone was present. And after talking to each classmate we think the Seniors of '51 have made some excellent accomplishments in the past 10 years. We want to congratulate each one of them and wish them well for the next "one hundred" years.

Geneviene Thornton,
Louise Stevens,
Prophets.

Last Will and Testament

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF JOHNSTON — Benson High School

Town of Benson

We the members of the Senior Class of Benson High School, in this year of 1951, having reached our goal, being of sound minds, and understanding, do make, declare, and publish this our last Will and Testament leaving to our faculty, parents, classmates, and our Alma Mater the things we have accumulated during our stay here.

SECTION I

ITEM 1. To our parents we will our deepest appreciation for their untiring efforts in helping us reach our goal.

ITEM 2. To Benson High we leave some of the best years of our lives.

SECTION II

ITEM 1. To Mr. Barefoot we leave our clean slate of tardies—maybe he will not have as many next year.

ITEM 2. To Mrs. Smith we leave our willingness to cooperate in everything that we discuss in class.

ITEM 3. To Miss Britton we leave a quieter library and a cleaner one without spit balls shot by the Seniors.

ITEM 4. To the remaining members of the high school faculty, we just leave and hope that they will be happier now that we are leaving.

SECTION III

ITEM 1. To the Freshmen, we will all of our dignity.

ITEM 2. To the Sophomores, we will them our love and best wishes.

ITEM 3. To the Juniors, we leave all of our privileges and the right to publish THE TATLER next year.

SECTION IV

ITEM 1. To the Students

1. Edna Mae Adams gives the position of checking attendance with Mr. Barefoot to Linda Sue Johnson.

2. Preston Allen wills his lovely blond curls to Kenneth Johnson.

3. Joyce Ann Bailey leaves her pleasing personality and witty ways to Rose Stephenson.

4. Louise Barbour's knowledge in shorthand to Lois Godwin.

5. Mildred Barbour leaves her "one-man Policy" to Della Brady.

6. Rachel Barbour leaves her giggles to Joyce Parrish.

7. Billy Barefoot leaves his ability to handle a basketball to Leroy Young.

8. Lois Barefoot's ability to ask questions to Helen Capps.

9. Myra Lee Benson leaves her studious ways to all her under classmates.

10. Richard Bonner leaves his artistic ability to James Pleasant.

11. Lacy Byrd leaves his place in geometry class to Graham Pleasant.

12. Arnold Capps leaves his ability to flirt successfully to Doris Carroll.

13. Marjorie Denning leaves her reputation as a chatterbox to Gwendolyn Johnson.

14. Marjorie Dorman leaves her reputation as the best-all-around girl in the Senior Class to Lettie Pearl Neighbours.

15. Charles Gilbert wills his ability to stay out of school and go hunting to Charles Marler.

16. Roy Gilbert leaves his quietness to Jack Lyles Brown.

17. Walter Godwin leaves his way with the women to Stacy Miller.

18. Katie Holland leaves her friendly disposition to Barbara Woodlief.

19. John Daily Kernoldle leaves his skint nose during football season to Martin Parker.

20. Joyce Langdon leaves her curly hair to Sally Lou Byrd.

21. Remonia Lide leaves her ability to hold her temper at a ball game to Rose Dixon.

22. Emil Massad leaves his ability to play football to Billy Massengill.

23. Edna Earl Mobley wills her beautiful blond hair to Faye Barber.

24. Betty Moore thinks she may need her good taste in dress later in life so she leaves her ability to keep quiet in bookkeeping to Janice Langdon.

25. Ellen Neighbours leaves her hard heart to anyone who can melt it.

26. Edward Parker leaves his ability to ask Mrs. Smith, "where'd you get that," to Bryan Coats.

27. Bobbie Porter wills her sparkling eyes to Nona Johnson.

28, Clyde Proctor leaves his position as class treasurer to anyone who likes to get money an easy way.

29. Kay Ryals leaves her old worn-out clothes to her sister, Mary Alice.

30. Betty Jean Smith leaves her 22 inch waist-line to Dorothy McCall.

31. Lynwood Stevens leaves his ability to make wise cracks to Howard Moore.

32. Louise Stevens leaves her ability to get a diamond in her Senior year to Betty Lou Bell.

33. Annie Lee Stewart wishes to leave her ability to be quiet to her sister Margaree.

34. Robert Stewart leaves his laziness to Graham Mosley.

35. Agnes Sutton leaves her ability to drive her car to school to Hazel Lee.

36. Roy Tart wills his ability to make fires during the winter in the Agriculture Building to J. R. Hudson.

37. Genevieve Thornton leaves her ability to get to school on time to Jerry Miller.

38. Sarah Whittington wills her smiling face to Helen Wallace.

39. Shirley Whittington leaves her ability to drive a school bus and flirt at the same time to Willie Young.

40. Percy Wilkins wills his football uniform to Randy Overby.

41. Dennis Woodall wills his studious ways and bus driving to Robin Clayton.

42. Rosemond Woodall wills his ability to make 98's on chemistry to Elmo Norris—No explanation necessary.

43. Ruth Lowery leaves her reckless driving to some sad-sack.

44. Elsie Wheeler leaves Corbett in care of Geraldine Parnell, and hopes she will take good care of him.

45. Rayvon Ennis leaves his happy-go-lucky ways to Robert Lee.

46. Doane Johnson leaves his ability to run with a football to Glenn Holmes.

47. Shelton Raynor wills his giggling and lazy ways to Donald Ray Creech.

48. Edward Surles leaves his shyness to Morris Woodall.

In witness thereof, we, the Class of '51 do hereunto place our seals on this the twenty-first of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

Witnesses:
Mrs. Catherine P. Smith,
Miss Mary Britton.

Edna Mae Adams,
Shirley Whittington,
Testators.

Class Poem

SENIORS FAREWELL

S—oftly now the shadows falling,
E—ver far from friends you roam;
N—o retracing of your footsteps
I—n the ways you seek from home.
O—n to victory, on to glory!
R—est not on your laurels aron—
S—eek to win the victor's crown.

F—ear not falling by the way side
A—s a weary traveler spent.
R—each for every passing moment
E—ager for each new event,
W—ork and you will win the victory;
E—ver onward you must sing.
L—ive today that your tomorrow
L—asting joy to all will bring.

REMONIA LIDE,
Class Poet.

Class Song

Hearts that adore you
Hearts that uphold you
  Dear old Benson High
Hail! the happy days, we spent beneath thy care
We honor thee.
To Thee we pledge our love and strength
  To spread abroad thy fame.

Though we're leaving you dear Benson
We will lift our hearts in praise
Through our smile and tears of our high school years
You'll be our guiding star.

To our teachers true, we will loyal be
  Dear old Benson High
Wherever we may go—love will lend us
  Memories will be of thee.

JOYCE ANN BAILEY.

Junior Class

ALSIE WHEELER
President

HOWARD MOORE
Vice-President

DIXIE NEIGHBORS
Secretary

VENNIE HARDEE
Treasurer

COLORS
Green and White

FLOWER
Red Rose

MOTTO
"What we are tomorrow is what we do today."

Left to right: Jacquelin Blackman, Betty Lou Bell, Della Brady, Doris Faye Carroll, Edith Mae Clifton.

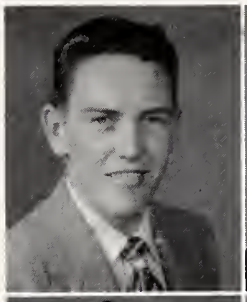
Jean Clifton
Bryan Coats

Peggy Vann Coats
Rose Marie Dixon

Walter Gregory
Lois Godwin

Sara Godwin
Vera Godwin

Juniors



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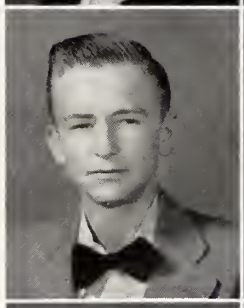
Vennie Hardee

Bobbie Ivey
Linda Sue Johnson



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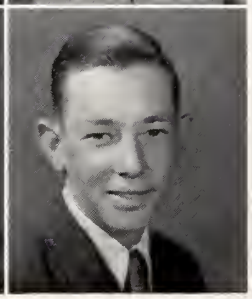
Janice Langdon



W. C. Lee
Charles Marler

Juniors

Howard Moore
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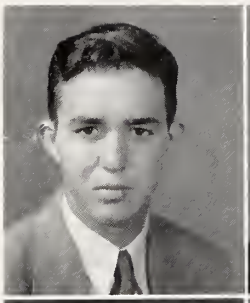
Janie Lou McLamb
June Dale McLamb

Dixie Neighbors
Joyce Parrish

Graham Pleasant
James Pleasant

Juniors



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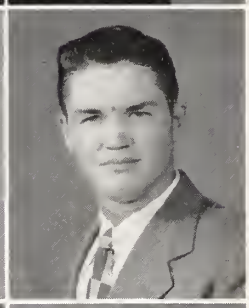
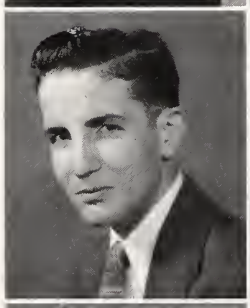
Mary Alice Ryals

Inez Sorrell
Margaree Stewart



Nancye Sugg
Waylon West



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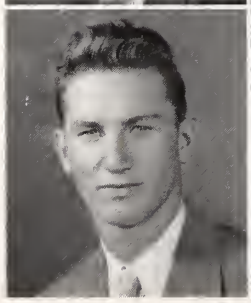
Faye Woodall



Morris Woodall
LeRoy Young

Not pictured:
Billy Ray Norris
Lila Dorman
Kay Smith

Juniors

Ray Allen
Annie Mac Barefoot
Faye Barber

Clara Beasley
Sally Lou Byrd
Donald Creech

Joe Denning
Patricia Gregory
Golda Hardee

Charles Jackson
Gwendolyn Johnson
Hixie Johnson

Janie Mack Johnson
Kenneth Johnson
LeRoy Johnson

Raymond Johnson
Charles Jones
Billy Lambert

Sophomores

Bobby Langdon
Shirley Langdon
Dewey Mangum

Stacy Miller
Grace Moore
Sylvia Moore

Graham Mosley
Esther Norris
Lee Penny

James Rabon
Robert Smith
Patricia Thornton

Betty West
Ruth West
Bobby Max Wheeler

Jimmy Wheeler
Shirley Whittenton
Thurman Whittington

Barbara Woodlief

Sophomores

Freshmen Girls

OFFICERS

HELEN CAPPS
President

SARAH ELLEN WHITTINGTON
Vice-President

JOYCE SMITH
Secretary

KAY CLIFTON
Treasurer

ROSE STEPHENSON
Reporter

First row, left to right: Rose Stephenson, Peggy Wood, Sarah Whittington, Mavis Phillips, Nona Johnson, Lois Barbour. *Second row:* Betty Lou Surles, Faye Surles, Ida Leen Parrish, Leona Johnson, Rochelle Allen, Helen Capps. *Third row:* Miss Wortman, Sue Sugg, Sarah Adams, Joyce Smith, Patty Denning, Kay Clifton. *Fourth row:* Belva Johnson, Catherine Parrish, Julia Ellis, Hazel Lee. *Not Pictured:* Delorese Barbour, Mozelle Wood.

Freshmen Boys

OFFICERS

SANDY SANDERS
President

STACY BARBOUR
Vice-President

FRANK WATSON
Secretary

MARTIN PARKER
Reporter

First row, left to right: Randy Overby, Jerry Miller, Billy Raynor, Stacy Norris, Homer Johnson, Charles Johnson. *Second row:* Frank Watson, Stacy Barbour, Donald Creech, Kennth Ivey. *Third row:* Martin Parker, Billy Massengill, Don Johnson, Mannford Price, James Blackman. *Fourth row:* Lynwood Creech, John Barbour, Jack Nordon, Kenneth Dixon, Mr. Nance. *Fifth row:* Connie McGee, Jack Lyles, Sandy Sanders. *Not pictured:* Jessie Cobb, Robert E. Lee, Leon Lee, Ralph McLamb, Elmo Norris, Albert Pollard, Willie Young.

Freshmen Class

OFFICERS

Annie Coats
President

Betty Eason
Vice-President

Maureen Barbour
Secretary-Treasurer

Betty Stephenson
Reporter

First row, left to right: Thurlean Norris, Shirley Penny, Maureen Barbour, Elizabeth Allen, Lunette Whitman. *Second row:* Lela Pearl Barefoot, Leta Muriel Clifton, Ervie Matthews, Betty Stephenson, Nina Naylor, Margaret Sanderford, Sarah Holland. *Third row:* Mrs. Howell, Rayburn Moore, Ova Lee Parker, Robin Clayton, Shirley Allen, Shelby McLamb, Norma Hall. *Fourth row:* Wilson Stephenson. *Not pictured:* J. R. Hudson, R. C. Lee, Robert Lee, Ila Pearl Lee, Linwood Dorman, Betty Lou Eason, Yvonne Capps, Margie Edwards.

Eighth Grade

Mrs. Kate Wiggins
Sponsor

CLASS OFFICERS

President . . . . . Rollins Johnson
Secretary . . . . . Marvin Byant
Treasurer . . . . . Sue Burgess
Reporter . . . . . Betty Mosley

CLASS ROLL

Stacy Bailey
Charlotte Barbour
Shelton Barefoot
Van Beasley
Marvin Byant
Sue Burgess
Shelby Coats
Audrey Faye Creech
Levon Creech
Barbara Dorman
Barbetta Godwin
Donald Holland
Glenn Homes
Allen Ray Johnson
A. T. Johnson, Jr.
Rollins Johnson
Wade Langdon
Linda Lee
Rachel Lee
Irene McCall
Bobbie McLamb
Shirley McLamb
Betty Mosley
Nadine Parker
Theodore Partin
Peggy Poole
James Stewardson
Weldon Vaughn
Charles Whitman
Patricia Whittington
Nannie Lou Wilkinson
Marie Williams
Linda Faye Woodall

MRS. RUTH MASSEY
Sponsor

CLASS OFFICERS

President . . . . . Mack McLamb
Vice-President . . . . . Barbara Woodall
Treasurer . . . . . Doris Jean Adams
Secretary . . . . . Bell Matthews

CLASS ROLL

Doris Jean Adams
Doris Beasley
Edna Beasley
Flora Lee Byrd
Margie Capps
Jean Clayton
R. C. Colville
Annie Elizabeth Critcher
Shirley Evans
Roy Joe Godwin
Norma Hardee
Jewell Johnson
Donald Langdon
Doris Langdon
Katie Lee
Elma McLamb
Mack McLamb
Frances Mangum
Bell Matthews
Stacy Penny
Doris Pope
Bobbie Raynor
Joseph Stancil
Faye Stevens
Roy Stewart
Wayne Tart
Jerry Thornton
Benton Whittenton
Charles Whittington
Jackie Wood
Barbara Woodall
Dorcas Lucas

MISS DOROTHY HASTY
Sponsor

CLASS OFFICERS

President . . . . . Daphine Parrish
Vice-President . . . . . Don Norris
Secretary . . . . . Golda Mae Blackman
Treasurer . . . . . Peggy Godwin

CLASS ROLL

Dan Allen
Shirley Barbour
J. E. Beasley
Goldie Blackman
Marie Bridgers
Rayford Capps
Sue Denning
Carlos Ennis
Peggy Godwin
Charles Goodman
Howard Jackson
Shelby Jernigan
Floree Johnson
Lavonne Johnson
Billie Jones
Evelyn Jones
Lenora Langdon
Don Norris
Ruth Parker
Shelby Parker
Geraldine Parnell
Dan Parrish
Daphine Parrish
Walter Parrish
Cornelia Porter
Fred Raynor
Kenneth Stewart
John Surles
Charles Webb
Clara Young

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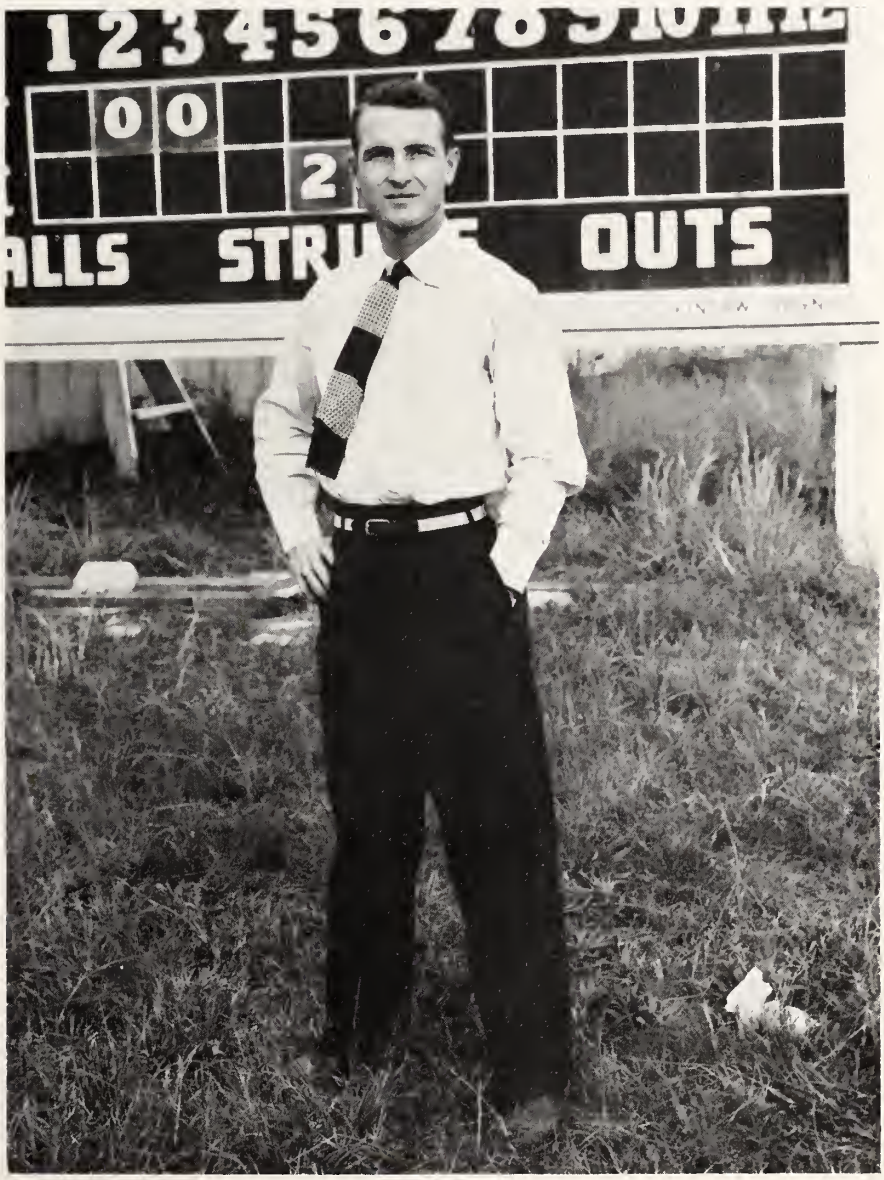

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MITCHELL NANCE, *Coach*

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ACT I, SCENE 2: Through the mirror in the Conroy bathroom, a few minutes later.

ACT I, SCENE 3: The patio again. About seven o'clock, the same evening.

ACT II: The Matthews side yard, perhaps an hour later.

ACT III, SCENE I: The Conroy patio, shortly thereafter.

ACT III, SCENE 2: The same, about nine the same night

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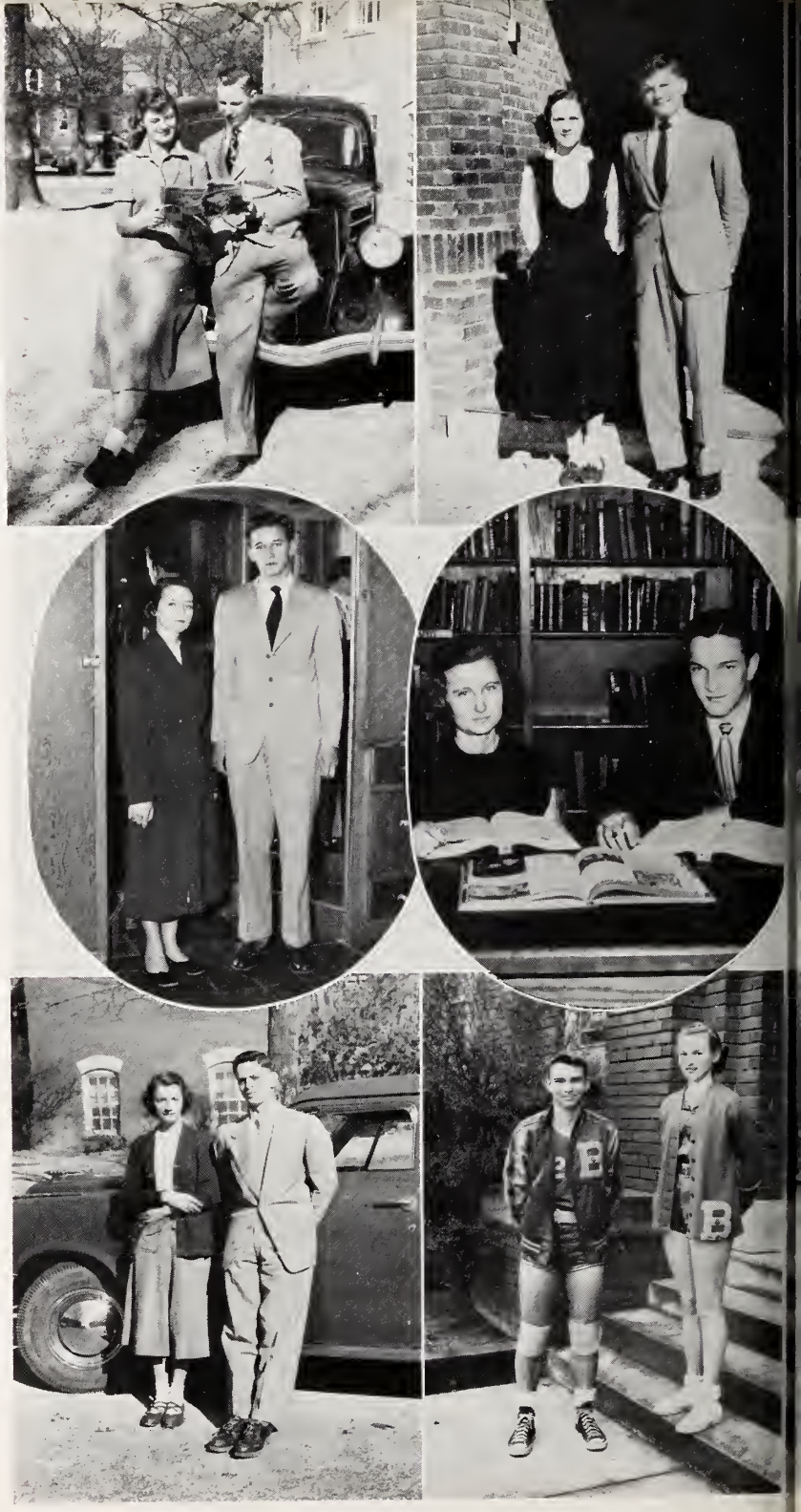

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